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# State Water Resources Control Board

## Division of Water Rights

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER BY PERMIT

**APPLICATION: 31336**

**DATE FILED: June 20, 2002**

Notice is hereby given that James and Ranee Bloom have filed an application for a water right permit for diversion of water from five unnamed streams tributary to McDowell Creek in Mendocino County. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will determine whether a water right permit should be issued for the application and, if so, whether conditions are needed in the permit to protect the environment, the public interest, and downstream water users. This notice provides a description of the proposed project and also describes the procedure and time frame for submittal of protests against the application. This notice may be viewed at the Division of Water Rights' website at [www.waterrights.ca.gov](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov). Any correspondence directed to the applicant should be mailed to:

James and Ranee Bloom  
c/o Wagner & Bonsignore  
444 North Third Street, Ste 325  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### Description of Project

Applicants seek a water right to collect 35 acre-feet of water per annum (AFA) of surface flows within three existing onstream reservoirs constructed between the period of 1985 through 1986. The onstream reservoirs and facilities are described as follows:

Point of Diversion (POD) #1 (Upper Pond) stores 13 AFA behind a 14-foot, 400-foot-long earthen, forming a reservoir that inundates 2 acres;  
POD#2 (House Pond) stores 12 AFA behind a 16-foot, 200-foot-long earthen, forming a reservoir that inundates 1.5 acres; and  
POD#3 (Stockpond) stores 10 AFA behind a 17-foot, 100-foot-long earthen, forming a reservoir that inundates one acre.  
POD #4 – Water is diverted from an unnamed stream by gravity flow via a four-inch, 1100-foot PVC pipeline to fill Upper Pond and House Pond.  
POD # 5 is an offset well and the water is pumped to a 3,000 gallon tank adjacent to House Pond and then will be used to fill Upper Pond and House Pond.

The maximum rate to diversion to offstream storage is two (2) cubic feet per second. The

operation also designates Upper Pond as a point of redirection (PORD) for water diverted from POD's #2 through #5, and House Pond is a PORD for water taken from POD'S #3 through #5

Applicants' primary purpose for the water stored in the reservoir will be irrigation, heat control and frost protection of 20 acres of vineyards and three acres of Christmas trees. Incidental recreational use for fishing and boating will be at each reservoir. The project is located approximately 3.5 miles east of Hopland California.

### Summary of Application

County: Mendocino

Source: Five unnamed streams tributary to McDowell Creek thence Dooley Creek thence the Russian River thence the Pacific Ocean.

Points of  
Diversions: Within the following:

- 1) SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 25, T13N, R11W, MDB&M.
- 2) NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 25, T13N, R11W, MDB&M.
- 3) SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 24, T13N, R11W, MDB&M.
- 4) NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 25, T13N, R11W, MDB&M.
- 5) NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 25, T13N, R11W, MDB&M.

Amount: 35 acre-feet per year of storage.

Season: November 1 to May 1 of succeeding year for storage.

Purposes: Irrigation, frost protection, heat control, fire protection and incidental recreation

Place of Use:

Use Within	Projected Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	25	13N	11W	MD	11	PARTIAL
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	25	13N	11W	MD	12	PARTIAL
TOTAL					23	

### Environmental Information

The lead agency will prepare the appropriate environmental documents for the project according to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its guidelines, and will determine whether or not the project will cause a significant effect on the environment. If you are not filing a protest, but wish to submit information that indicates the project may cause a significant effect on the environment, please send this information to Steven Herrera, SWRCB, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000. This information will be reviewed in accordance with CEQA.

## **PROTEST SUBMITTAL INFORMATION**

### **Protest Requirements**

A person may file a protest based on any of the following factors:

- Interference with prior water rights.
- Adverse environmental impact.
- Not in the public interest.
- Contrary to law.
- Not within the jurisdiction of the SWRCB.

All protests must clearly describe the objections to approval of the application and the factual basis for those objections. There must be a clear link between the proposed project and the objection to its approval. If the objection is based on interference with prior water rights, the protest must describe specifically what injury would result if the application is approved. In addition, the party claiming interference with prior rights must provide specific information describing the basis of the prior right, the date the use began, the quantity of water used, the purpose of use and the place of use. Please note that any water right permit issued by the SWRCB is subject to vested water rights and will include conditions to protect such rights.

If the protest is based on an allegation that the proposed appropriation would not be within the SWRCB's jurisdiction, would not best conserve the public interest or public trust uses, would have an adverse environmental impact, or would be contrary to law, the protest must be accompanied by a statement of facts supporting the allegation.

For example, public interest protests should clearly indicate how the appropriation will affect the public; environmental protests should identify specific impacts and provide supporting recitals on the effect of the proposed project on plants, animals, fish, erosion, pollution, aesthetics, etc.; public trust protests must identify the navigable waters and public trust values that would be affected by the proposed project and how the project will impact public trust values.

All protests should include a description of any measures that could be taken to resolve the protest. The protest also must indicate the manner in which the protestant served upon the applicant a duplicate copy of the protest.

If sufficient information is not submitted, the SWRCB may reject the protest or request that the protestant submit additional information. Protests of a general nature (not project specific) or protests that are inconsistent with constitutional or legislated state policy will not be accepted. A request for information or a request that studies be conducted does not constitute a protest.

### **Procedure for Submitting Protests**

Protests should be submitted on standard protest forms available from the Division of Water Rights' website at [www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/) or upon request from the Division of Water Rights. A pamphlet that provides additional information relating to water rights and the procedure for filing protests is also available on the website or by mail. Any requests or the submittal of the completed protest form should be directed to the engineer listed as the contact person at the end of this notice. **A copy of the completed protest form must also be mailed to the applicant.**

### **Protest Submittal Deadline**

Protests submitted in response to this notice must be received by the Division by 3:00 p.m. on the **40<sup>th</sup>** day after the date of this notice (the close of the protest period). Protests may be submitted by any of the following methods:

1. Mailed to Division of Water Rights; P. O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
2. Faxed to the Division at (916) 341-5400
3. E-mailed to the engineer listed below under the heading "Contact Person"
4. Hand-delivered to the Division office located at 1001 "I" Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA

If you choose to fax or e-mail the protest due to the constraints of the noticing period, the fax or e-mail must be followed by timely delivery of an original signed copy, either personally or by mail, to the Division of Water Rights in order for the protest to be accepted. The SWRCB will respond to all protests within 60 days of the final day to file a protest. **Protests not submitted by the close of the protest period will be subject to rejection.**

For good cause, the SWRCB may grant an extension of time to file a protest. It is the protestant's responsibility to contact the engineer listed below as "Contact Person" to request the extension prior to the end of the protest period.

### **Resolution of Protests**

The applicant will have 30 days to respond to a protest once it is accepted by the Division of Water Rights. The protestant and the applicant are expected to make a good faith effort to resolve the protest within 180 days from the close of the protest period.

This is a "minor" project (the proposed diversion is 3 cubic feet per second or less by direct diversion or 200 acre-feet or less per year by storage) as defined by section 1348 of the Water Code. Therefore, any protest issues not resolved by the applicant or by provisions of section 1335 of the Water Code will be decided by the Chief, Division of Water Rights, following

a field investigation.

### **CONTACT PERSON**

To obtain additional information regarding this project, or to obtain copies of protest forms or general information pamphlets, please contact Whalen Toy by phone at (916) 341-5408 or by electronic mail at [wtoy@waterrights.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:wtoy@waterrights.swrcb.ca.gov). Information and protest forms are also available at the Division's website: [www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/).

Date of Notice: **August 22, 2003**